

An aerial photograph of a densely populated suburban neighborhood. The houses are mostly two-story structures with various roof colors, including brown, grey, and red. The houses are built on a slight incline, with a road winding through the center. In the background, there are blue mountains under a sky with scattered white clouds. The overall scene is bright and clear.

Wont' You Be a Neighbor?

Week 3

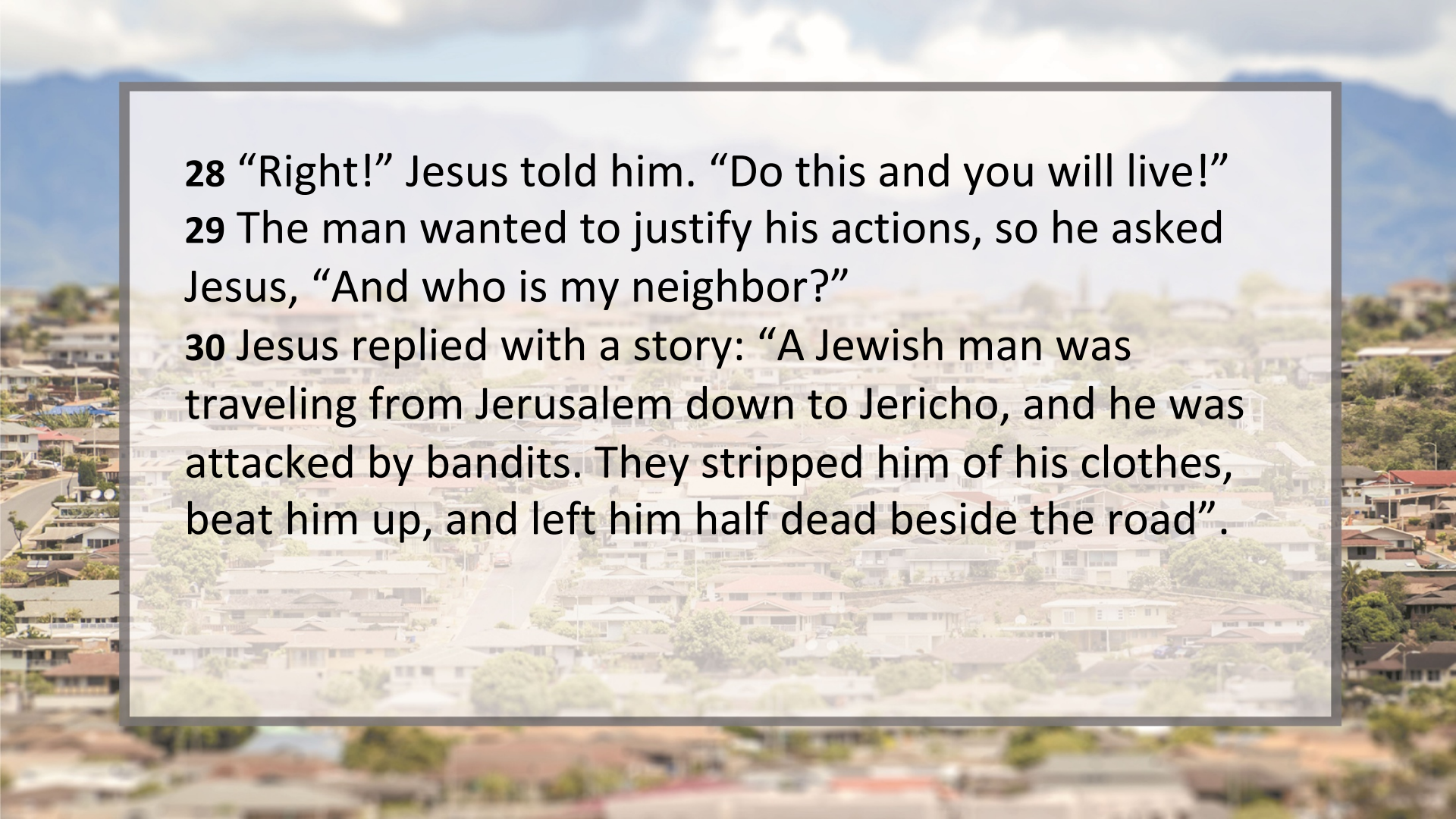
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Luke 10:25-37 NLT

25 One day an expert in religious law stood up to test Jesus by asking him this question: “Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?”

26 Jesus replied, “What does the law of Moses say? How do you read it?”

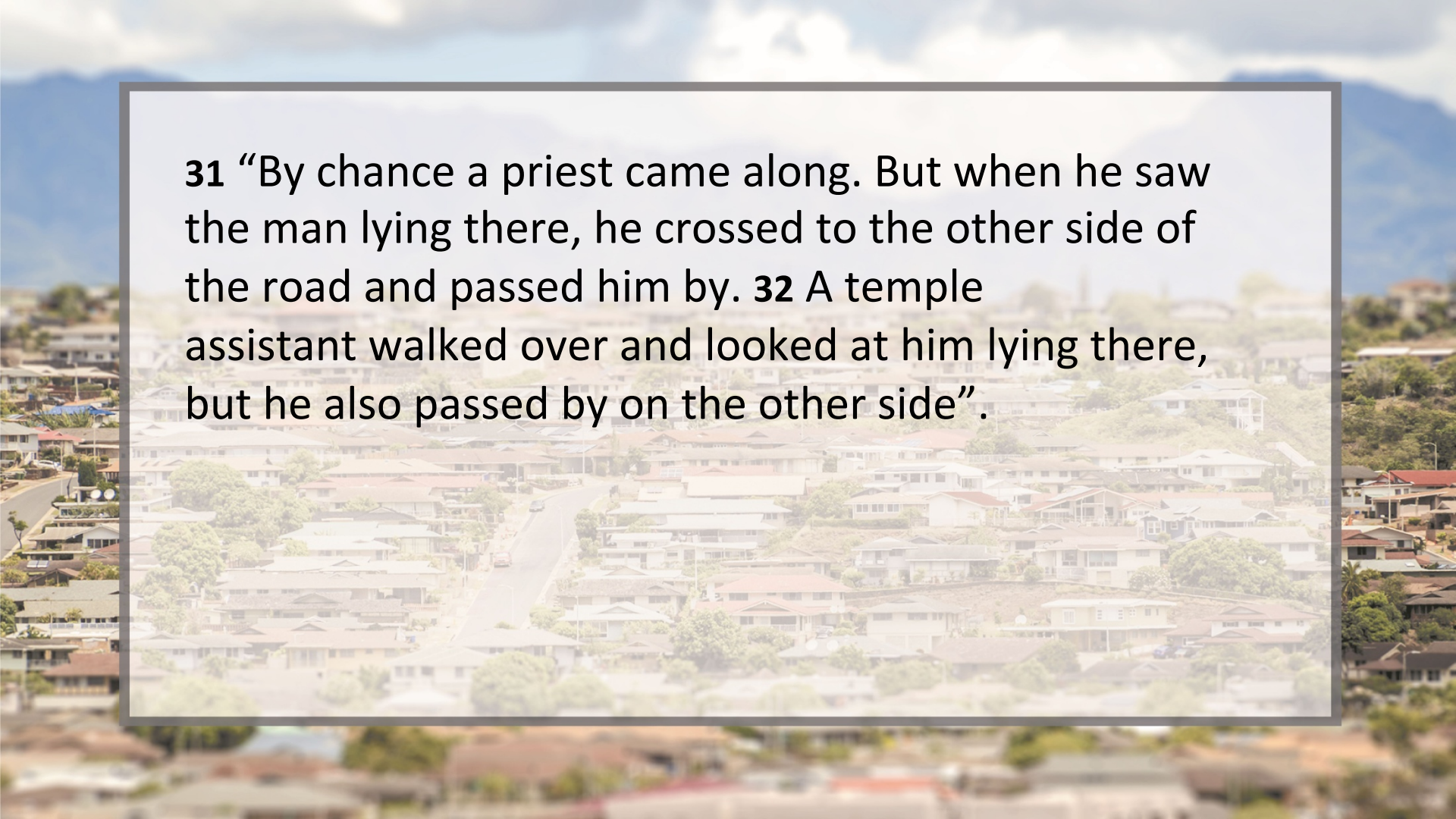
27 The man answered, “‘You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.’ And, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”



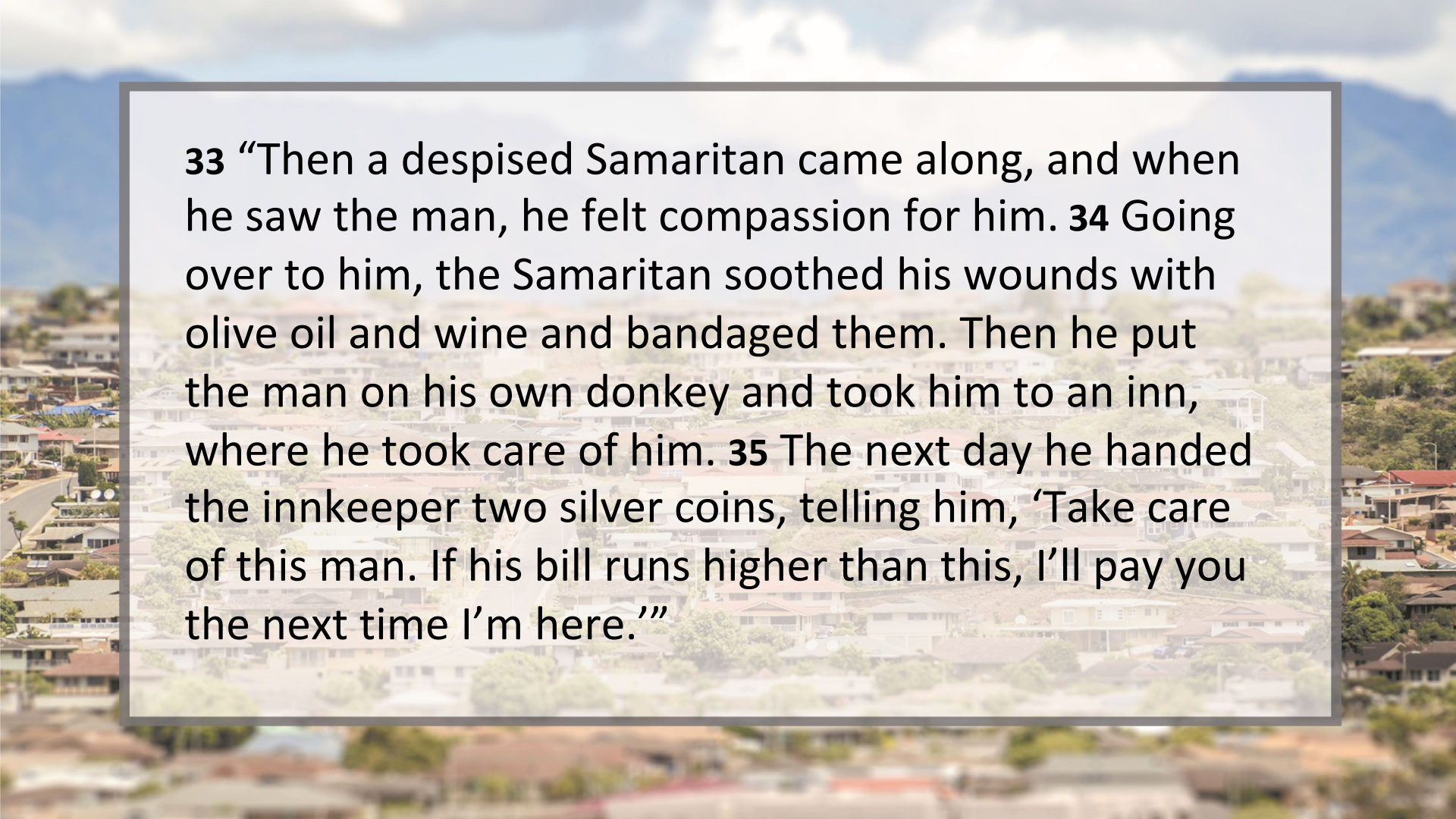
28 “Right!” Jesus told him. “Do this and you will live!”

29 The man wanted to justify his actions, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

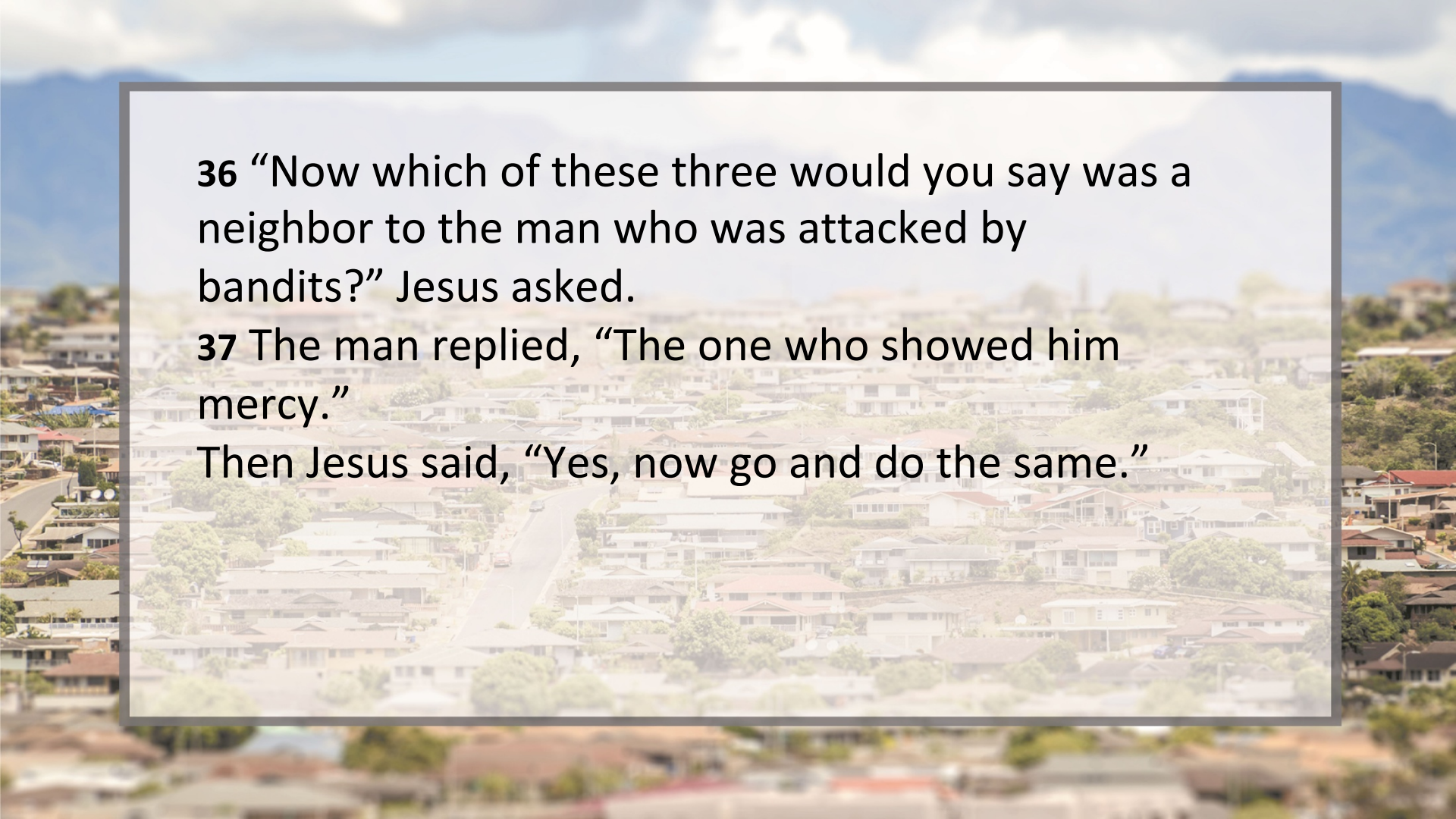
30 Jesus replied with a story: “A Jewish man was traveling from Jerusalem down to Jericho, and he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road”.



31 “By chance a priest came along. But when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by. **32** A temple assistant walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side”.



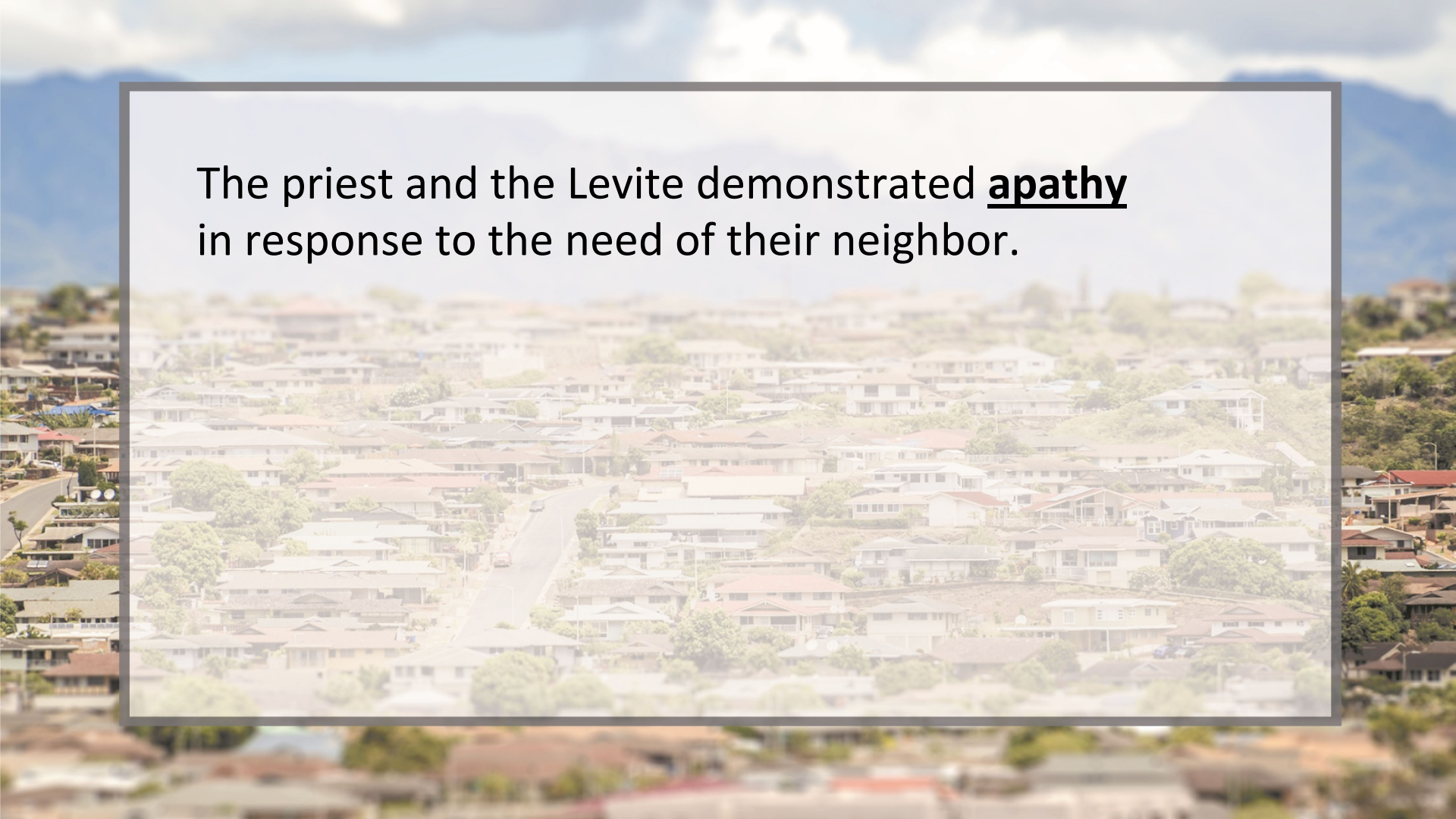
33 “Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. **34** Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. **35** The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, ‘Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I’ll pay you the next time I’m here.’”



36 “Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?” Jesus asked.

37 The man replied, “The one who showed him mercy.”

Then Jesus said, “Yes, now go and do the same.”

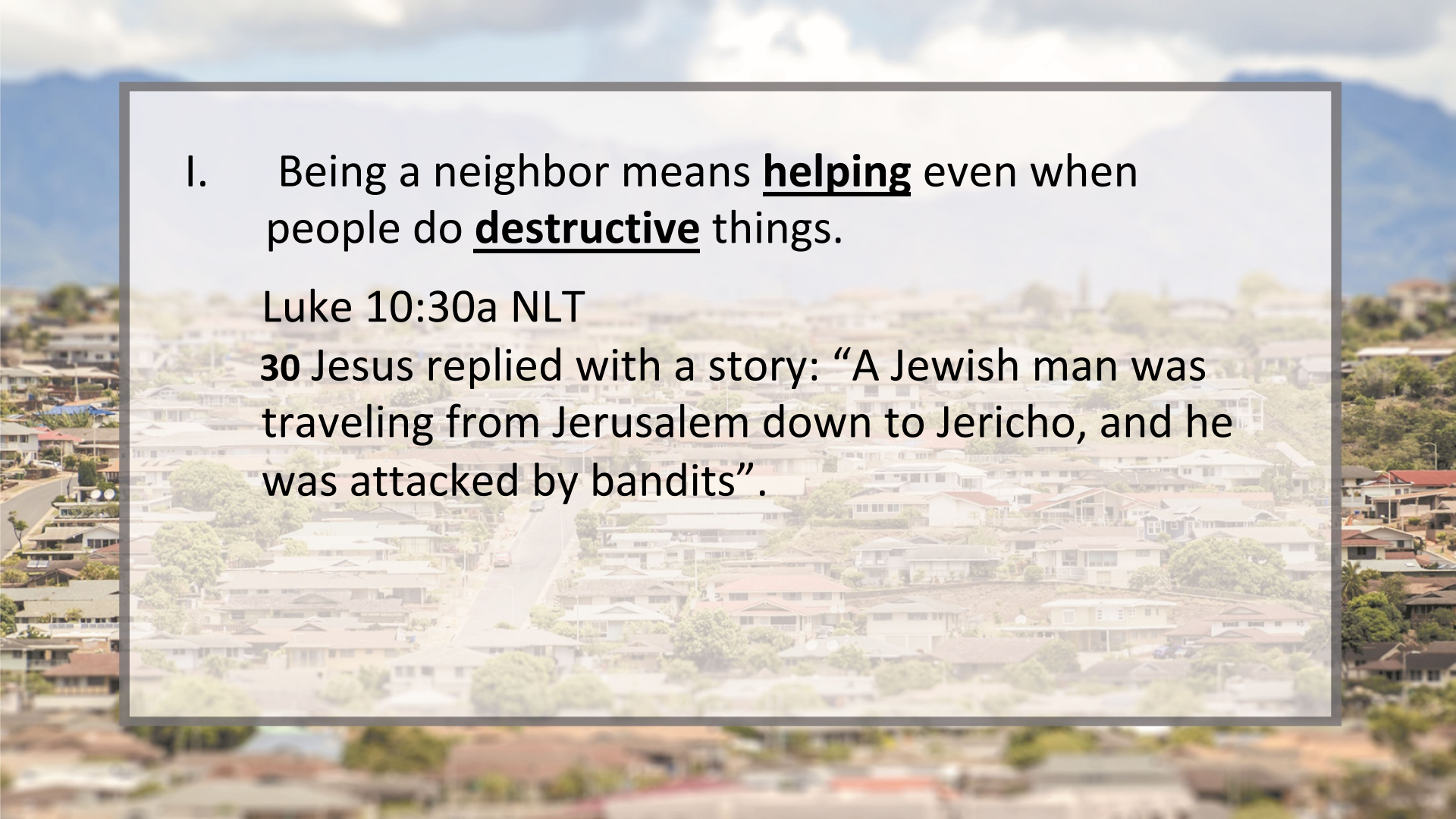
An aerial photograph of a suburban neighborhood with a road winding through it, overlaid with a semi-transparent text box. The text box contains the following text:

The priest and the Levite demonstrated **apathy** in response to the need of their neighbor.

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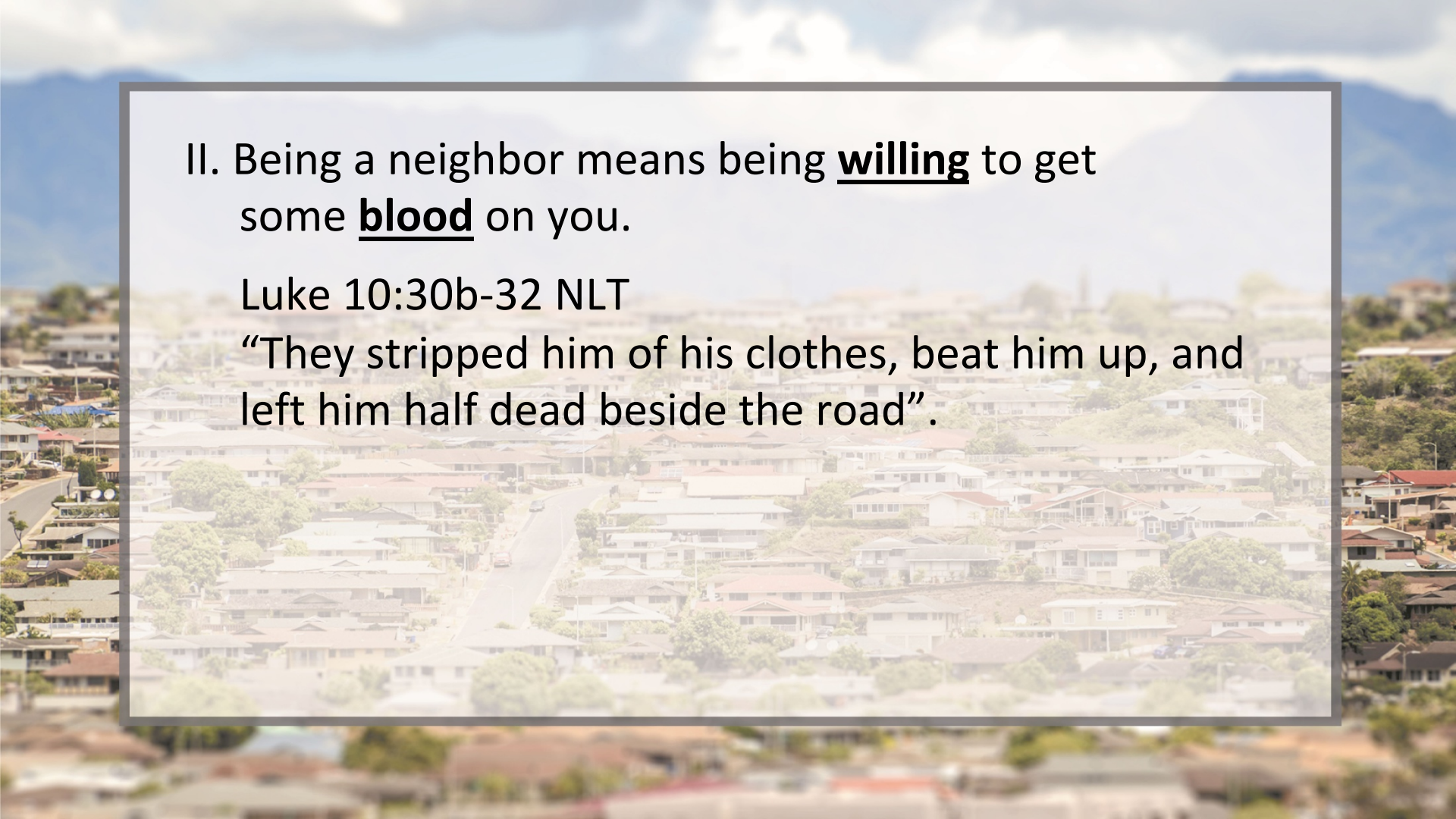
Noun: Lack of interest, enthusiasm, or concern.

Synonyms: Indifference, lack of interest, lack of enthusiasm, lack of concern, unconcern, uninterestedness, unresponsiveness, dispassion.

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- I. Being a neighbor means **helping** even when people do **destructive** things.

Luke 10:30a NLT

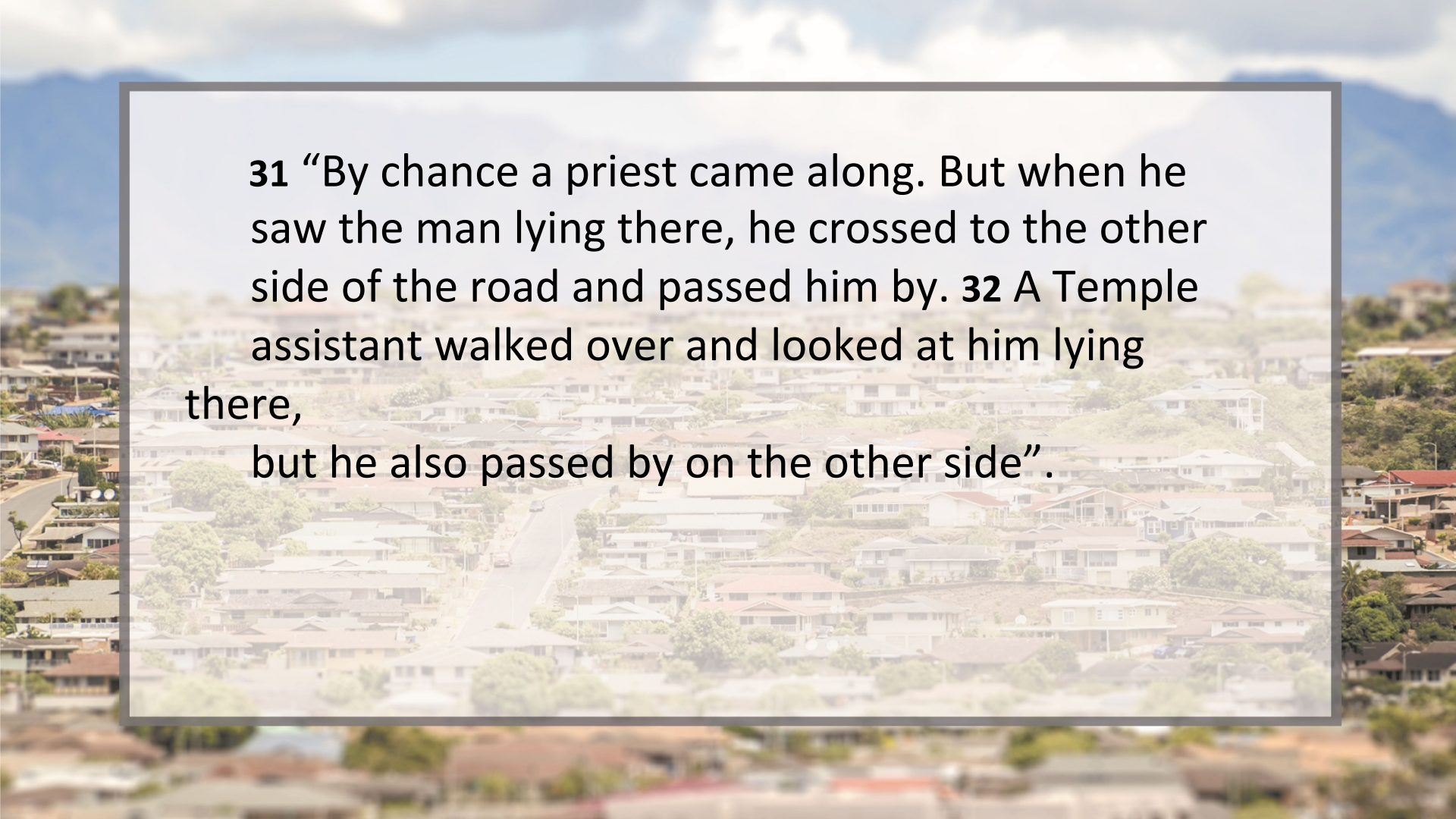
30 Jesus replied with a story: “A Jewish man was traveling from Jerusalem down to Jericho, and he was attacked by bandits”.



II. Being a neighbor means being **willing** to get some **blood** on you.

Luke 10:30b-32 NLT

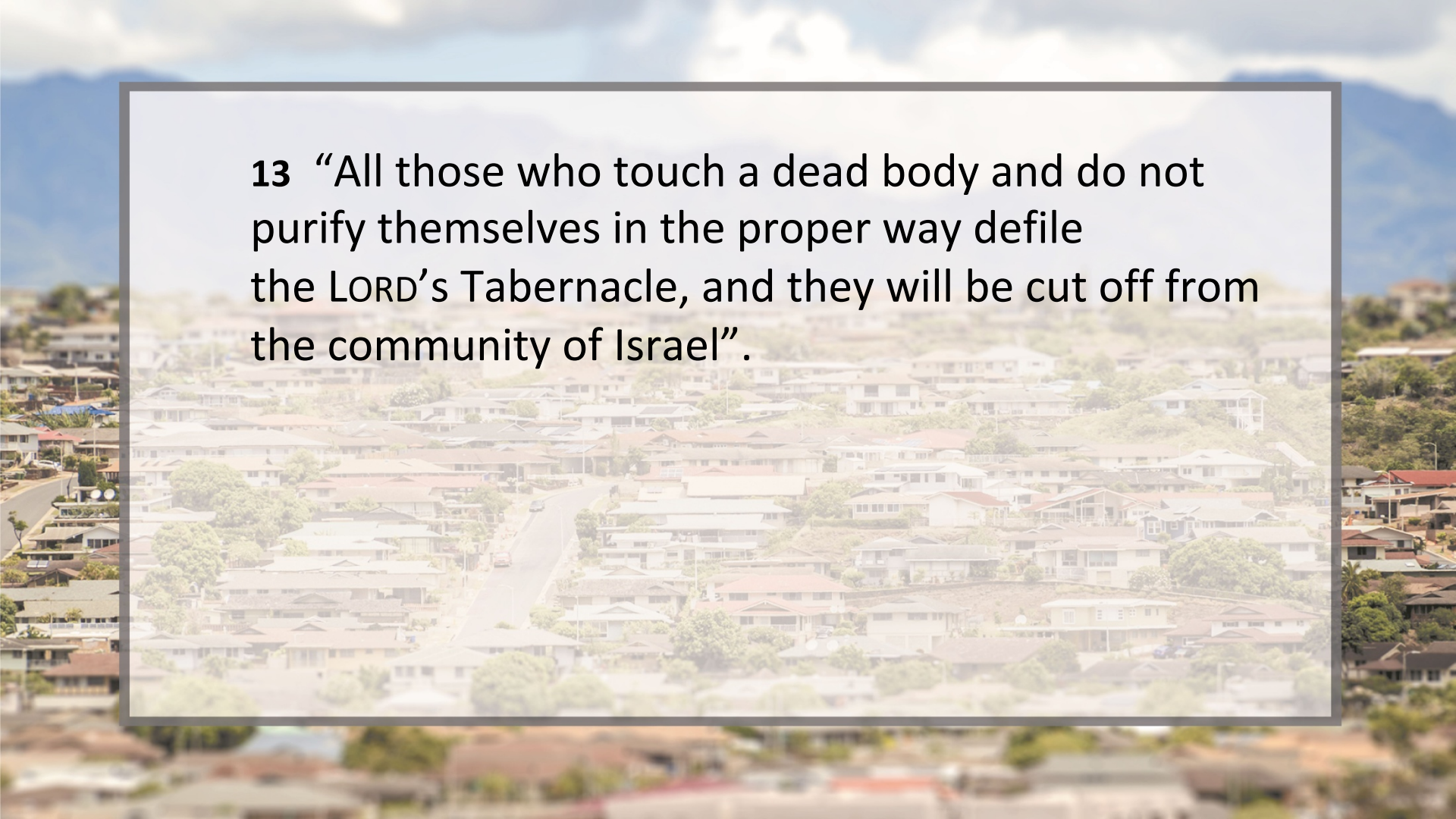
“They stripped him of his clothes, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road”.

An aerial photograph of a residential neighborhood with a road winding through it. The houses are mostly two-story buildings with various roof colors. In the background, there are mountains under a cloudy sky. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent white box in the center of the image.

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Numbers 19:11-13 NLT

11 “All those who touch a dead human body will be ceremonially unclean for seven days. **12** They must purify themselves on the third and seventh days with the water of purification; then they will be purified. But if they do not do this on the third and seventh days, they will continue to be unclean even after the seventh day”.

An aerial photograph of a suburban neighborhood with numerous houses and a winding road. A semi-transparent white text box is overlaid on the center of the image, containing a biblical quote. The background shows a mix of greenery and residential buildings under a cloudy sky.

13 “All those who touch a dead body and do not purify themselves in the proper way defile the LORD’s Tabernacle, and they will be cut off from the community of Israel”.

III. Being a neighbor means we understand that **acknowledgment** isn't **enough**.

Luke 10:31-32 NLT

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James 4:17 NLT

17 Remember, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it.